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Tuesday morning.

Dear Aunt Mary. I had a very pleasant & short ride into town for Mr K took the shortest & most direct road. I found them all in as good a state as could be expected. I enclose a note which would have come to me Saturday night, if Sally had come. Also I send the Liberator which did not get out till Monday; as they were warned directly out of the building, and had to move not knowing any lease! where the Liberator press is we cant tell, but it is some where or other printing away. I think it a very good Liberator indeed except Benleigh's account of the mob. He has not made it half bad enough, but Garrison will put that all right when he comes back. When that will be I do not know, but hope soon. Saturday afternoon Maria went down to see Thompson with Brethren Judson Southwick & Tilson. He has been obliged to leave Lynn, so great is the uproar there, and he & family have moved to a place near Salem, called North fields or North Shields to the house of one Spencer a devoted friend of the cause. Spencer has sent to Boston & changed his own horse & chaise so that it may not be known, & has it hid away in his barn, in order to free Thompson in case of alarm. Different clothes are prepared also for him to slip on in a minute. You see by this that he is looked upon as in great danger. Maria saw him but a short time, but said that he never appeared in better spirits. He mourned some one. Garrison, but thought it would be all for the best. He said that when he should relate these things to the crowded audiences of England they would be all in tears at the recital. Maria said Mrs Spencer appeared so well; she was very glad to see her, kissed her & really appeared quite interesting. Keep this fact as to Thompson's retreat all to yourself, for it is private even among the brethren. Maria hopes that things will be so that he can come to Every-month. At any rate, you go on stirring up the Emancipation Society & we will see what we can do. It is reported & believed in Boston that he has sailed for England, that he was last Thursday in New port in the disguise of a woman & what else I know not. There is not yet that state of feeling in Boston that I had hoped. There is great fear among the brethren and all the Recorders are gone. Amasa Walker has flinched altogether.

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It is said he will not have an Abolition paper in his house, but that I hope is false. At any rate, keep it all to yourself. Conceal the conduct of the brethren as much as possible. There was no Monthly Concert last night, as there was no place to hold it in but 46, & they were afraid to risk that as it is the only place now left for A. S. folks to meet together in. I think this was very wrong in them, for I would have removed the most valuable of the books & run the risque. But Deacon Gulliver omitted to give notice at the Free Church, not daring to do so. The Deacon is I think a perfect coward, not daring to peep these times. Deborah went to the Free Church part of the day, but was so provoked she could scarcely stay. No notice was taken of the events of the week or any sound Abolition preached. To stay the truth I know not where I shall go to church, for there I will not go unless they amend. Brother Wright, at the Mission House preached the only suitable sermon that was preached in town. You will be shocked to hear that John Grew is dead. He died Saturday of typhus fever, & was buried yesterday. Is it not singular circumstance? His wife is quite ill, being in a family way. Maria continues to be in a state of great enjoyment. She receives such glory she can hardly bear it. I had a long letter from Dr Towns with yesterday, in answer to mine. It was written in a very excited frame of mind. He declared that he shed tears upon reading my letter. I did not design to make it a very affecting one, but it appears it was. He compliments us all in the highest manner. He is coming to town soon, if Miss Parker will reward him & his children. He told Miss Parker that he was going to send Mary to our school, but she will be sent with him. Those I am glad of. Fletcher was in the mob, I do not mean aiding & abetting but standing still, with a pleased expression of face. Deborah called Saturday at Mrs Tarbells to leave her note, & both Tom & Lucy were sicker than sick. She saw the great man himself in the other parlour but he does not know him. Mr Winslow preached a furious sermon Sunday morning pro slavery against Anti Slavery and containing much about pirates & slaveholders. He perfectly rages at the idea of Anti Slavery. Now for business. I went to

the Rooms yesterday and bought Mrs Fifield's book & your Almanack but I did not get the rest for this reason. Burleigh is at the head of affairs there, & I discover does not give so many things as Mr Ryan does, and then again many of their best things are out & I thought you would rather wait a day or two & perhaps get more & better. Of course you will not let Mrs Fifield know this. I send all your Almanacks for I thought that would be the same at any time. Margaret has left us for good & Caroline is very glad of it, for though she was good in many things, she was was tedious. We shall get along for a little while with only Sarah. We shall hire our washing done this week. Tell Ma that the things all came safe & were about as they [illegible] of them. Linfield brought my cloak & Maria has found her white shawl. Let Ma certainly know this last. Who did you have a letter from this morning? for not one of us could make out the name. I will go out & see to the puffs after dinner. I will write more if any thing occurs. I do wish you would try to come in town. I send one or two by the way that I should be glad to have Ma do up when she can.

Yours Anne.

[redacted] is so smart now that seems to me you might [illegible] Grand Cup

[illegible] coachman who took Garrison to goal presented [illegible] of $8.50 which was paid without a pound. He said, how he ever got through it was a wonder. He was sure he did not know. Emma brought up from Mama's at noon $2 with directions from her to send it to you. I suppose it is some thing about the work & that you will know all about it.

I send the two pots of puffs & hope they will suit.

A. M. Grimke

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Miss Mary Weston.

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